

SPF SIG Priority Focus Tool #4 Population Selection Justification

LSAA Name: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

Submission Date: _____

Individuals Involved in Decision: _____

The questions below should be answered after reviewing all of your available consequence and consumption data. The answers should reflect the decision of the entire Coalition or committee working on the needs assessment process, not that of one individual. Because this worksheet may not address all of the data you may have come across and factors you have considered, you should also make note of other observations and information that the questions below do not address. If you are focusing on both priorities, you should complete the questions for each priority. Be sure to indicate which priority you are referring to for each section of questions. If you are only focusing on one priority, only complete the first section. This tool will be submitted to the state as part of your plan.

Population Selection Justification – Priority: _____

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